Steps to eradicate poverty

1609. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment are taking any steps to eradicate poverty and to import dignity due to the downtrodden in the country;

(b) whether any steps have been taken for providing employment and alleviating the lot of rural population by implementing Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme effectively; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL) : (a) to (c) The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing a number of schemes like the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) and the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) for improvement of quality of life of the rural people and to alleviate poverty. The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, launched in 200 identified districts in the country, provides for enhancement of livelihood security of rural households by providing at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household, whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.

Non-payment of promised wages to workers

1610. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: